

REMARKS

Claim 25 has been amended to incorporate claim 1 from which it depended. New claims 30-25 have been added, which are dependent upon claim 25. Descriptive basis for these claims may be found in cancelled claims 2-7.

Claims 1-10 and 25-29 were restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 26-28 drawn to a method of modifying plant characteristics comprising the introduction of genes encoding starch synthase into the plant, a nucleic acid construct and a plant;
- II. Claim 10 drawn to a method of preparing a food product; and
- III. Claims 25 and 29 drawn to a method of producing starch and a plant comprising starch.

Applicants elect Group III. Claims 1-10 and 26-28 have been cancelled subject to Applicants right to refile this non-elected subject matter in a divisional application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests early action.

Respectfully submitted,



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